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Nikon 880 Instructions for OneShot360

Recommended Camera Settings for OneShot360

- When turning the CoolPix880 on, put it in A mode using the mode dial.
- Use the Zoom to exactly fill the digital camera LCD viewer screen with the circular image. If you zoom in too much, you will lose part of the field of view. If you zoom in too little, you will not get maximum resolution. Note also that the OneShot image may not be exactly centered in the LCD screen – this is normal.
- Make sure the flash is disabled. To change the flash setting, press the Flash button located above the monitor on the back of the camera until you see the "flash disabled" icon on the LCD screen.
- Manually set the Focus by holding the "m-focus" button and pressing the zoom buttons. A distance of 20 feet is recommended for most shots.
- Note: The button for placing the camera in manual focus mode is the same as that for setting the timer. If you want to use both the timer and a manual focus setting, you must enable the timer first by pressing the "m-focus" button until you see the timer icon in the LCD, then hold the button down and dial in the focus distance. Pressing the "M-focus" button again will set camera back to auto focus mode.
- Now select an aperture value, which is displayed in the lower middle portion of the color LCD. Aperture can be chosen by pressing the multi-selector to the left or right while holding down the up-down button. We recommend using an aperture setting of f7.8.

Take care to watch the shutter speed when in aperture priority mode. If the light level is low, you will need a tripod when the shutter speed is slower than 1/125sec. The shutter speed is displayed on the bottom of the LCD panel between the "A" mode and the "F7.8" display.

By pressing the "MENU" button just above the color LCD screen, you will have access to a list of additional camera settings. Use the Multi selector button to scroll through the menu and make your selection for the following:

- Set the white balance. Automatic setting is usually adequate.
- Set the Metering to Matrix Metering, this gives the best results for OneShot360 images.
- Set the Sharpness value to "Normal".

Optional Menu Settings

By pressing the "MENU" button just above the color LCD screen, you will have access to a few more settings you may find useful. While in these menus, use the Multi selector button to scroll up and down and to make your selection:

- Under the "SET UP" sub-menu, you may want to change the "AUTO OFF" setting to a longer time period such as 5 minutes. Although this feature helps to save battery life, the default value (30 seconds) may not be enough time to set up for a OneShot360 image, at least until you are more familiar with the process.
- Also under the "SET UP" sub-menu, there is an option called "CONTROLS" which leads to another sub-menu. You may want to check the first three options in this sub-menu. This will maintain the flash setting, and the mode (aperture priority or manual) and focus settings even if you turn the camera on and off between shots. However, you will still have to place the camera in manual focus mode every time you want to use the timer for a shot (because the timer switches off after every shot, and pressing the timer/M-focus button to re-enable the timer switches the camera back in to auto-focus mode).

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